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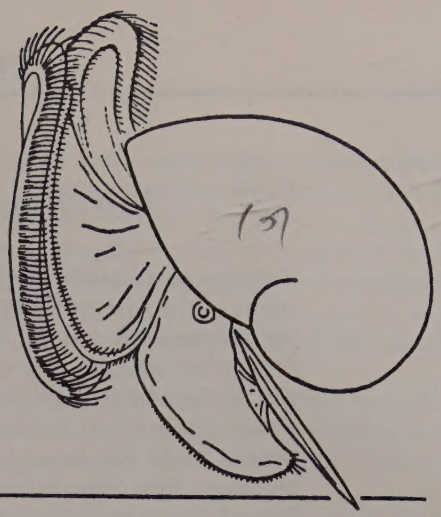

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Foreword to Volume 14

THE END OF A YEAR is a suitable time to reflect on the experiences and events of the past twelve months. For the Veliger, this period has been perhaps especially eventful. The goal of the California Malacozoological Society has been, always, to publish a journal of high quality and to give it the widest possible distribution by keeping its cost hopefully within reach of all those interested in malacology and conchology. Because of the ever increasing costs of printing and postage, it has been necessary, from time to time, to readjust the charges made for the journal. Every time the rates had to be increased, this was done with the greatest reluctance and only the absolute minimum increase was made. When the financial situation of the Veliger was reviewed, it was found imperative to make another of these undesired increases. However, the timing of the "Freeze" and the uncertainties of "Phase Two" prevented the putting the increase into effect. It was decided to send out an appeal to the membership with the notices of renewals. We have been very gratified by the response to this appeal. It is an encouraging sign and we will continue our efforts in producing an ever better journal.

This is also an excellent opportunity to express our appreciation to our many friends who, in one way or another, continue encouraging us in our efforts. Special mention should be made of Mrs. Jean M. Cate, who, as Manager, devotes countless hours to the various tasks connected with the bookkeeping; she also contributes many hours to the exacting task of reading proofs. We are also grateful to the various fine craftsmen (and -women) at the Printing Department who, through their skills, help maintain a high technical standard for the publication. It is impossible to mention each one of these workers, but we must mention the special care given to our halftone reproductions by the photographer, Mr. Leo Feld. Mr. John Schoen, foreman of the pressroom, not only has given freely of his advice but, in a particular emergency, also spent many hours of hard work to help us out. Mrs. Emily Reid, staff artist in the Department of Zoology also continued to give much of her time and talent to help us toward our goal of excellence. However, there are quite a few persons who quietly are doing much either to encourage your editor or to assist the journal in various ways. It is probably unnecessary to stress that to all these individuals, named and unnamed, we are very grateful.

Your Editor.

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